



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services  
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Project name: CRYSTAL CITY/POTOMAC YARD TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT

Project number: SEC 7-9514 City/County ARLINGTON, VA

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed your request for information on federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species and designated critical habitat for the above referenced project. The following comments are provided under provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

☒ We have reviewed the information you have provided and believe that the proposed action will not adversely affect federally listed species or federally designated critical habitat because no federally listed species are known to occur in the project area. Should project plans change or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

☐ We recommend that you contact **both** of the following State agencies for site specific information on listed species in Virginia. Each agency maintains a different database and has differing expertise and/or regulatory responsibility:

Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries  
Environmental Services Section  
P.O. Box 11104  
Richmond, VA 23230  
(804) 367-1000

Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Recreation  
Division of Natural Heritage  
217 Governor Street, 2nd Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-7951

If either agency indicates a federally listed species **is present**, please resubmit your project description with letters from both agencies attached.

☐ If **appropriate habitat may be present**, we recommend surveys within appropriate habitat by a qualified surveyor. Enclosed are county lists with fact sheets that contain information the species' habitat requirements and lists of qualified surveyors. If this project involves a Federal agency (Federal permit, funding, or land), we encourage the Federal agency to contact this office if appropriate habitat is present and if they determine their proposed action may affect federally listed species or critical habitat.

☐ Determinations of the presence of waters of the United States, including wetlands, and the need for permits are made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They may be contacted at: Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, telephone (757) 441-7652.

Our website <http://virginiafieldoffice.fws.gov> contains many resources that may assist with project reviews. Point of contact is Mike Drummond at (804) 693-6694, ext. 114.

Sincerely,

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